

5. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 4, wherein the reinforcing member is a metal or a thermoplastic.

6. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 1, wherein the light generating line is one of a fiber optic, a light emitting diode and an incandescent element.

7. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 6, wherein the fiber optic is one of a glass or a plastic.

8. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 1, wherein the light generating line includes a side-emitting fiber optic cable.

9. (Twice Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 1, wherein the polymeric body includes a trim portion.

Claim 10 (Previously cancelled).

Claim 11 (Previously cancelled).

Claim 12 (Previously cancelled).

13. (Once Amended) A vehicular weatherseal assembly comprising:
(a) a weatherseal body having a longitudinal dimension, and a hollow bulb shaped sealing portion; and

(b) a fiber optic light line connected to the body for emitting light along a portion of the longitudinal dimension.

14. (Twice Amended) The vehicular weatherseal assembly of Claim 13, wherein the body is polymeric and includes a carrier portion.

15. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal assembly of Claim 14, wherein the carrier portion includes a seating channel sized to receive the light line.

16. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal assembly of Claim 13, wherein the fiber optic light line includes a pair of fiber optics.

17. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal assembly of Claim 13, wherein the fiber optic light line includes a side emitting fiber optic.

Claim 18 (Previously cancelled).

Claim 19 (Previously cancelled).

20. (Once Amended) An illuminating vehicular weatherseal assembly for engaging a vehicle flange, the flange including a pair of spaced parallel flange surfaces, the assembly comprising:

- (a) a weatherseal body having a U shaped flange engaging portion sized to cooperatively engage the pair of spaced parallel flange surfaces and;
- (b) a light generating line extending along a longitudinal dimension of the weatherseal body for generating and emitting light.

21. (Thrice Amended) The illuminating vehicular weatherseal of Claim 20, wherein the weatherseal body is polymeric.

22. (Thrice Amended) The illuminating vehicular weatherseal of Claim 21, wherein the body includes a seating channel sized to receive the light generating line.

23. (Once Amended) The illuminating vehicular weatherseal of Claim 20, wherein the light generating line is one of a fiber optic, a light emitting diode and an incandescent element.

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Claim 36 (Previously cancelled).

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Claim 41 (Previously cancelled).

42. (Twice Amended) A vehicular weatherseal for sealing a gap intermediate a first confronting surface and a second confronting surface, the first and the second confronting surfaces moveable between a spaced apart open position and an adjacent closed position, the vehicular weatherseal, comprising:

(a) an elongate polymeric body selected to attach to the first confronting surface, the polymeric body including a hollow bulb shaped sealing portion adapted to be spaced from the second confronting surface in the spaced apart open position of the confronting surfaces and the sealing portion adapted to contact the second confronting surface in the adjacent closed position of the confronting surfaces; and

(b) a light transmitting line connected to the body and extending along a longitudinal dimension of the body for transmitting light along a length of the light transmitting line.

43. (Twice Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 42, wherein the light transmitting line emits light.

44. (Twice Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 42, wherein the polymeric body includes a carrier portion.

45. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 44, wherein the carrier portion includes a reinforcing member.

46. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 45, wherein the reinforcing member is a metal or a thermoplastic.

47. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 42, further comprising at least one of a fiber optic, a light emitting diode and an incandescent element.

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48. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 47, wherein the fiber optic is one of a glass or a plastic.

49. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 42, wherein the light transmitting line is a side-emitting fiber optic cable.

50. (Twice Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 42, wherein the polymeric body includes a trim portion.

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51. (Once Amended) A vehicular weatherseal assembly for engaging a vehicle flange, the flange including a pair of spaced parallel flange surfaces, the assembly comprising:

(a) a weatherseal body having a U shaped flange engaging portion sized to cooperatively engage the pair of spaced parallel flange surfaces and;

(b) a light transmitting line extending along a longitudinal dimension of the weatherseal body for transmitting light.

52. (Twice Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 51 wherein the weatherseal body includes a polymeric body connected to the light transmitting line.

53. (Twice Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 52, wherein the polymeric body includes a seating channel sized to receive the light transmitting line.

54. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 51, further comprising one of a fiber optic, a light emitting diode and an incandescent element.

55. (Once Amended) A vehicular weatherseal for sealing a gap intermediate a first and a second confronting surface, the first and second confronting surfaces moveable between a spaced apart open position and an adjacent closed position, the vehicular weatherseal comprising:

(a) an elongate polymeric body selected to attach to the first confronting surface, the polymeric body including a monolithic sealing portion adapted to be spaced from the second confronting surface in the spaced apart open position of the confronting surfaces and the sealing portion adapted to contact the second confronting surface in the adjacent closed position of the confronting surfaces; and

(b) a light transmitting line connected to the polymeric body, the light transmitting line transmitting light along a length of the light transmitting line.

56. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 55, wherein the light transmitting line emits light.

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57. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 55, wherein the polymeric body includes a carrier portion.

58. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 57, wherein the carrier portion includes a reinforcing member.

59. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 58, wherein the reinforcing member is a metal or a thermoplastic.

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60. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 55, further comprising at least one of a fiber optic, a light emitting diode and an incandescent element.

61. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 60, wherein the fiber optic is one of a glass or a plastic.

62. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 55, wherein the light transmitting line is a side-emitting fiber optic cable.

63. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 55, wherein the polymeric body includes a trim portion.

64. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 55, wherein the light transmitting line extends along less than an entire length of the polymeric body.

65. (Once Amended) A vehicular weatherseal for sealing a gap intermediate a first and a second confronting surface, the first and second confronting surfaces moveable between a spaced apart open position and an adjacent closed position, the weatherseal, comprising:

(a) an elongate polymeric body selected to attach to the first confronting surface, the polymeric body including a hollow bulb shaped sealing portion adapted to be spaced from the second confronting surface in the spaced apart open position of the confronting surfaces and the sealing portion adapted to contact the second confronting surface in the adjacent closed position of the confronting surfaces; and

(b) a light generating line connected to a length of the polymeric body for generating and emitting light.

66. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 65, wherein the light generating line emits light.

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67. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 65, wherein the polymeric body includes a carrier portion.

68. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 67, wherein the carrier portion includes a reinforcing member.

69. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 68, wherein the reinforcing member is a metal or a thermoplastic.

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70. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 65, wherein the light generating line is one of a fiber optic, a light emitting diode and an incandescent element.

71. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 70, wherein the fiber optic is one of a glass or a plastic.

72. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 70, wherein the light generating line includes a side-emitting fiber optic cable.

73. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 65, wherein the polymeric body includes a trim portion.

74. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claims 1, 42, 55 or 65, wherein the polymeric body includes at least one of a plastic, thermoplastic, thermosetting, thermoplastic elastomer, ethylene-propylene-diene-monomer, ethylene vinyl acetate, polyvinyl chloride, and polypropylene.

75. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claims 1 or 3, wherein the light generating line extends along less than an entire length of the polymeric body.

76. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claims 42 or 65, wherein the light transmitting line extends along less than an entire length of the polymeric body.